

Rule 11 – Provisional Certification

Effective January 31, 2016

- (a) The Board is authorized to issue a provisional certification letter to any applicant who is authorized to serve as a certified peace officer by any other state or federal jurisdiction, excluding the armed forces, which has established minimum law enforcement training standards that are equivalent to the standards established by Colorado as determined by the POST Director. The provisional applicant must be fully certified within the preceding three years and have served as a certified law enforcement officer in good standing in such other state or federal jurisdiction for more than one year. The applicant must additionally meet all of the following requirements:
 - (I) Possess and submit a copy of his/her high school diploma, or high school equivalency certificate;
 - (II) Possess and submit a copy of his/her current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification, or equivalents;
 - (III) Truthfully complete and submit the POST Form 3 – *Application for Provisional Certification*;
 - (IV) Successfully complete the fingerprint-based criminal history record check required under Rule 14; and
 - (V) Pass the certification examination or, if leaving active out-of-state (the state in which the individual is certified) or federal peace officer employment, pass the certification exam within six (6) months from the date of issuance of the provisional certification.
- (b) A provisional certification letter authorizes the holder to serve as a certified Colorado peace officer for not more than six (6) months.
- (c) The Board shall issue a basic certificate to the holder of a provisional certification letter if such person satisfies any combination of the following skills proficiency requirements, or, if leaving active out-of-state (the state in which the individual is certified) or recognized federal peace officer employment, satisfies any combination of the following skills proficiency requirements within six (6) months from the date of issuance of the provisional certification:
 - (I) Successfully completes skills training at a POST-approved basic peace officer training academy;

- (II) Successfully completes a POST-approved refresher academy, including the arrest control, law enforcement driving, and firearms skills training;
 - (III) Passes a skills examination pursuant to Rule 16 in each of the three (3) skills disciplines at a POST test-out site, or passes all portions of the three (3) skills examinations at a regional test-out site, as documented by an approved skills instructor. Approved skills instructors includes: SME committee members or POST-approved designees who are not members of the applicant's employing agency;
 - (IV) Passes only some portions of the examinations referred to in (III) and the applicant elects to complete prescribed remedial training with respect to those portions not passed and successfully passes the skills test-out examination following the remedial training; or
 - (V) Passes a POST- approved lateral training academy that includes agency-specific academic courses and skills training in arrest control, law enforcement driving and firearms.
- (d) The POST-approved skills instructor must submit the completed *POST Skills Testing Grade Sheet* to POST.
- (e) Persons desiring additional time to complete the basic certification requirements beyond the initial six (6) months provided by the provisional certification letter must petition the Director and demonstrate good cause why such additional time should be granted.